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METHOD FOR AMINO ACID FRAME
INDICATION, AND RECORDING MEDIUM**

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, the shortened period for response to which will expire on October 15, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Invention I, drawn to an amino acid frame indication system, without traverse. Claims 1 to 8 and 11 to 13 pertain to the elected invention.